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RE: Docket No. AB-1023 (Sub-No. 1X), *Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Grays Harbor County, WA*

Dear Ms. Woods:

By decision served in the above-entitled proceeding on May 19, 2009, the Surface Transportation Board imposed a condition requiring Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad Company ("PS&P") to consult with WADOE, prior to commencement of any salvage activities, to ensure that any concerns regarding potential contamination of the right-of-way and applicable stormwater management, sediment control, and railroad tie recycling requirements are addressed, and to report the results of those consultations in writing to SEA. PS&P sent letters dated August 26, 2010 to various WADOE offices addressing their concerns.

Attached is an e-mail from Ms. Roberta Woods of the WADOE, Water Quality Program, recapping a conversation we had on January 6, 2011. In the e-mail Ms. Woods states that she is satisfied that the conditions outlined in the WADOE letter with regard to water quality will be met.

We have not been able to make contact with anyone from WADOE's solid Waste & Financial Assistance Office. PS&P will comply with WADOE's rules. If treated wood is found at the site, PS&P will use best management practices and dispose of the wood in accordance with WADOE's publication Focus on Treated Wood Exclusion. If questions arise regarding the removal of treated wood, PS&P will contact WADOE's Hazardous Waste and Toxic Reduction program.

We believe that this fulfills our consultation requirement.

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Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours



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Enclosures

**Melanie Yasbin**

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**From:** Woods, Roberta (ECY) [rwoo461@ECY.WA.GOV]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 06, 2011 6:25 PM  
**To:** Melanie Yasbin  
**Subject:** revised message about Docket No. AB-1023

Melanie,

Re: Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad Company Abandonment Exemption Project (Docket No. AB-1023), located in Grays Harbor, WA

In our telephone conversation today, we talked about the project identified above, on which the Department of Ecology performed SEPA review in late April 2009. We discussed the comments that I made, which are intended to provide protection of State waters during the period of this project. All of the items mentioned in the SEPA comment letter are still in effect, during the period of soil surface disturbance and until the site is fully stabilized. I am satisfied that these conditions will be met during this project.

If you have any questions about my SEPA comments, please contact me by telephone at 360-407-6269 or by email at [roberta.woods@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:roberta.woods@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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